

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

Plan for a National Sanitarium for Masons at Santa Fe Approved.

The grand lodge of Masons of New Mexico met in Albuquerque last week. Much business was transacted and the following officers were elected:

Grand Master—J. J. Kelly, of Silver City.

Deputy Grand Master—Dr. J. H. Wroth, Albuquerque.

Grand Senior Warden—Geo. S. Wylls, Cerrillos.

Grand Junior Warden—C. D. Stevens, Raton.

Grand Treasurer—F. H. Hunt, Albuquerque.

Grand Secretary—A. A. Keen, Albuquerque.

Grand Chaplain—W. D. Clayton.

Grand Lecturer—J. D. Bush.

Grand Marshal—C. G. Leicham.

Grand Senior Deacon—W. H. Cosgrove.

Grand Junior Deacon—Chas. Dennis.

Grand Senior Steward—P. H. Curran.

Grand Junior Steward—A. A. Jones.

Grand Tyler—A. M. Whitcomb.

While in session the grand lodge formally approved the plans and actions of the Masons of Montezuma Lodge No. 1, at Santa Fe, for the erection and maintenance of a national Masonic home for consumptives, in that city.

There are over 700,000 Masons in the United States, upon whom at least 3,000,000 of people are dependent. Of this number of course, especially in the eastern states, there are many who are suffering from consumption or other lung troubles. It is proposed to erect at Santa Fe a very extensive and commodious home to be used as a home for Masons and their families suffering from consumption or lung troubles. The medical staff and all employees are to be Masons, and all the comforts, quiet and security of a genuine home are to be accorded to inmates. Montezuma lodge, through a committee appointed for the purpose, has already done much work in the matter, with the view of interesting the order throughout the country in the enterprise, and to that end they mailed to the head of the Masonic body of each state and territory a memorial setting forth the scope of the proposed institution, and accompanied this by a full statement of the peculiar advantages which the location of the institution in Santa Fe would give. In addition, similar circulars were mailed to the officials of the order in Canada; and on the whole, sixty-two communications were thus sent out. Up to this date thirty-

four answers from as many states have been received; and with one exception these have been exceedingly favorable. The grand masters of Georgia, Kansas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Colorado, Utah, California, Wyoming, New Hampshire, Texas, Maryland, Kentucky and many other states have written giving their official endorsement and granting the committee permission to solicit subscriptions within their respective jurisdictions.

The recent meeting of the grand chapter at Topeka, which was participated in by Masons from all parts of the union, was attended by ex-Gov. Prince, who spoke in behalf of the above-named committee and through his influence this important gathering heartily endorsed the proposed plans.

And now since the home grand lodge has unanimously and fully approved the project there can be no doubt but that with the proper work and necessary energy the project bids fair to become a genuine success.

The national Masonic home for consumptives at Santa Fe when once established will not only prove of the greatest benefit to New Mexico, but also to the adjoining commonwealths of Colorado and Arizona. Success to this great and worthy charity is the genuine wish of not only the Masons of New Mexico but all of its good citizens.

Last Wednesday a little before noon, the fire alarm was sounded and in less than a minute the streets were full of people. A dense cloud of smoke was hanging over the store occupied by Rose & Fritter and there seemed to be danger of a big blaze. A few bucketsful of water quenched the flames and little damage was done. The fire caught in the rear room where the firm manufactures candy and the light canvas and paper covering of the walls was all ablaze in a few seconds.

The fire department was on hand in a twinkling, as usual, but as there was no need for the hose companies, they returned to the fire house without having had an opportunity to show their skill in fighting flames.

Peter Wagner is working over the tailings at his mill at Pinos Altos and is getting very good results.

Strange Reptiles.

Dick Neff came in from Mogollon last week and brought with him two strange looking reptiles. But for their legs they would readily pass for snakes eight or ten inches long, but each one of them has four legs which terminates in claws not unlike those of a lizard.

These reptiles were on exhibition at M. W. Neff's hardware store here last week and of the many persons who went in to look at them not one had ever seen anything like them before. So far as is known they are the only ones ever caught in the Mogollons. They do not appear to be very active and exhibit very little inclination to get away.

Wiseacres who profess to be able to tell by the appearance of a reptile as to whether it is poisonous or not differ in opinion in reference to these two strange animals but so far no one has attempted to prove his assertions by actual demonstration.

They will probably be sent to the Smithsonian institution at Washington for the scientists there to study over.

J. J. Kelly returned last Thursday from Albuquerque where he had been in attendance at the grand lodge of Masons, which elected him grand master. In the evening quite a number of his friends dropped in to congratulate him. A number of the ladies belonging to the Eastern Star gave him a serenade which will long be remembered. The evening was spent very pleasantly with cards, music and readings. Three selections were rendered by G. E. Murphy, who is an elocutionist of ability, which were highly appreciated. Mr. Kelly was called on for a speech but he smiled blandly and excused himself. Refreshments were served early in the evening and the newly elected grand master did the honors with becoming grace.

Born, to the wife of Fred Gusoskey, on Wednesday, October 3, 1894, a son. Fred immediately wreathed his countenance in a broad smile which he still wears, and called in all the boys to have one on him.

Born, to the wife of John H. Mudge, on Wednesday, October 3, 1894, a daughter. Papa Mudge is one of the proudest men in New Mexico.

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